

In the Specification:

**At the beginning of the specification, please insert the following paragraph:**

This application is a continuation of co-pending Application Serial No.  
10/402,462 filed March 28, 2003 (Now U.S. Patent \_\_\_\_\_).

**Please replace the paragraph starting at page 1, line 7, with the following replacement paragraph:**

Vehicle door beams are widely used in the automotive industry to enhance the impact strength of vehicle doors and thereby to enhance passenger safety. Door beams can be manufactured as a single piece. Examples of one-piece beams produced by roll forming are illustrated in co-pending U.S. Application Number 09/822,658 filed March 30, 2001 by Nees and U.S. Patent 5,756,167 issued May 26, 1998 to Tamura et al. Examples of one-piece beams produced by stamping or pressing are illustrated in U.S. Patent ~~5,183,718~~ 5,813,718 issued September 29, 1998 to Masuda et al and Japanese Patent Publication 4-238725 dated August 26, 1992. While these door beams represented advancements in the art, artisans continue to seek door beams of the desired strength, but with smaller profiles, less material, and/or increased ease of manufacture.